



# Smithsonian Institution

Office of General Counsel

VIA US MAIL

April 30, 2012

MuckRock News  
Attn: Jason Smathers  
DEPT MR 1258  
P.O.Box 55819  
Boston, MA 02205-5819

RE: Your Request for Smithsonian Records (request number 37638)

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This responds to your request dated April 15, 2012, and received in this Office on April 16, 2012, for a "listing of objects deaccessioned since 9/11/2011."<sup>1</sup>

The Office of General Counsel contacted the Smithsonian's National Collections Program to obtain information responsive to your request. The National Collections Program maintains annual collections statistics regarding Smithsonian collection activities, including deaccession transaction activity in our museums, archives, and libraries. In an effort to be of assistance, the National Collections Program compiled the enclosed list, which contains the deaccession data for each of the Smithsonian's collecting units for fiscal years 2000 through 2011. Also enclosed is a key to the acronyms used in the chart.

I hope you find this material helpful. This concludes the Smithsonian's response to your request. Thank you for your interest in the Smithsonian.

Best Wishes,

Jessica Sanet  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

You have the right to appeal a partial or full denial of your request. Your appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution Office of General Counsel at the address below, and made within sixty days from the date of this response letter. Your letter must explain your reason(s) for the appeal. The Smithsonian Under Secretary for Finance and Administration will decide your appeal and will respond to you in writing, specifying the reason(s) for granting or denying the appeal.

<sup>1</sup> Although not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Smithsonian follows the principles of the FOIA, as articulated in its written policy *Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information*, when disclosing records to the public. The policy is posted on our website at [www.si.edu/about/FOIA](http://www.si.edu/about/FOIA).